

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force
Meeting Agenda

Date: June 25, 2014
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Rm 400

- Introductions / Attendees:
 - Judy Allen
 - Roger Smith
 - Bernie Pelletier
 - Dave Mello
 - George Porter
 - Catherine Diviney
 - Chris Nelson
 - Joe Campanella
 - Mike Sullivan
 - Skylar Marinoff – add to yahoo group
 - Kate Flaherty – add to yahoo group
 - Susan Begin
- Roger's back! – What has he been doing? ...Bowers Wind Video
 - Roger wanted to invite people to discussion on community Solar this Sat, 6/28 at 10 AM at Kroon Hall (Yale University).
 - Roger also explained the problem with the CEFIA solar rebates and why they are on-hold currently. The legislature basically implemented a "fix-it" bill that had the wrong section reference in it, and now people are prohibited from getting and solar rebate and net metering (which is majority of installations.) CEFIA is working on a fix. There is a webinar on Thursday 6/26 at 11 AM. Catherine will send link to list-serv.
 - Roger has been away for 2 montha taking a course at the SALT Institute (for documentary studies) in Portland Maine. <http://www.salt.edu/> to further his photography/filming skills.
 - Playing of Roger's video – Two Sides of the Mountain - a documentary about the conflict surrounding the Bowers Wind Project in northern Maine

and how two groups of people can see the same land and opportunity so differently. AMAZING!

- Power of Change Award – Honorable Mention
 - Catherine thanked the task force for nominating her and showed the Honorable Mention certificate for “Municipal Difference Maker Leadership Award 2014” that was presented at an awards ceremony on 6/17 at the Capitol by Rob Klee, DEEP Commissioner. Some members of the task force attended.
- Celebrate WH and Sagewell/Thermal Image updates
 - CE/3Degrees – 41 +10 clean-energy signups = 51
 - Sagewell – 1164 Images, 260 HES, 154 HVAC, 167 Solar, 72 Financing
 - Celebrate seemed to go well – people attracted by Sagewell color banner, and generally seemed more aware/interested in energy efficiency (b/c of higher utility rates?)
 - There was discussion about the timeline for the end of the West Hartford has Energy Campaign and sending out some reminders through town communication channels.
 - Bernie mentioned that before it ends, we should try (again) to get list of Solarize contacts out of Bob Wall (CEFIA) and send letter to them, as they are likely good candidates for participation in this program too.
 - Chris Nelson mentioned that he still has not received his thermal image.
 - There was also discussion about the asbestos/home energy audit issue. Roger mentioned that he did some calling around after 1 lady at Celebrate WH said she had asbestos everywhere and no auditors would help her. The contractors have a disincentive to do an audit without the blower door test (since they get paid less by the efficiency fund for doing it). Roger mentioned that NE Conservation Services (one of the contractors) was helpful and suggested **Home Performance with Energy Star**...an alternative to the core HES program which doesn't provide any on-the-spot services but basically generated a list of home improvements and cost/savings information.
- Recycling/All Sports Council – Bernie/Judy
 - Bernie and Judy reported that their talk went well and sports presidents committed to push message down to teams.
 - Clear recycling bags and clearer information about what is recyclable would be helpful. Catherine will follow up with Bob Palmer/Dave. Judy made draft of sign.
 - Feeling that we should get bags and signs to presidents at next meeting rather than wait for them to do anything.
- Recycling/Composting – Schools

- Catherine to meet with John Phillips (director DPW) and Covanta on Th 6/26 about starting a organics collection program in schools.
- Will see what is planned and then schedule meeting with task force, custodians, other interested parties (Growing Great Schools) over summer to get pieces in place for program roll out.
- Performance Contracting update
 - Owners Rep (Engineering Alternatives) is reviewing Ameresco's Investment Grade Audit. Requesting more detailed energy calculations and better M&V plan. Hope to have all that by Nov.
- LEED Projects - Ran out of time, but Catherine shared scorecard's for each project. Will email electronic versions.
 - Hotel Delmar - currently at 54, with building design incomplete. There is still some concern about how dedicated the hotel team is to the LEED concept. Catherine suggested it would be appropriate for task force to author a letter to inquire if the project is seeking formal LEED certification or if not what level of documentation would be provided to the Town. We could also request a LEED presentation to the task force.
 - Charter Oak - geothermal and currently projecting 69 points (60 need for GOLD). Will also have Solar PV.
- Hartford Task Force visitor rpt – Bernie
 - Bernie connected with Tom Swarr and attended the Hartford Clean Energy Task Force meeting on 6/24. He said it was better than expected and they had a lot going on despite a challenging city environment to work in: draft energy plan (will share), solar projects, school measurements, low-income outreach, etc.
 - CWA, CRT and Green Action Team were mentioned as organizations they might work with.
- New business??
 - Catherine suggested that for next meeting people think about where we want to focus next. Some ideas included:
 - Revisit/update Energy Plan
 - Green churches
 - Business/resident recognition programs
 - Recycling
- Next meeting will be 7/16 (wed) at 7 PM.

